

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: § Confirmation No. 3534
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§ Group Art Unit: 1654
Serial No. 10/531,560 §
§ Examiner: BRADLEY, Christina M.
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**1. REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
IN VIEW OF PETITION TO WITHDRAW FROM ISSUE; 2. LISTING OF CLAIMS; AND
3. SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

MS: RCE
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment filed concurrently with a **Request for Continued Examination** in the captioned matter pursuant to a **Petition to Withdraw from Issue** filed by facsimile concurrently on this date with the **Office of Petitions** in a separate paper.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the following amendment; consider the remarks herein; enter the Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith, and consider the previously-allowed claims in view of the references cited therein.

The present paper is timely submitted in view of the Petition to Withdraw from Issue, and payment of the required fees.

The **Listing of Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 56 of this paper.